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## AGENTS FOR THE CHINA MAIL

LONDON.—F. ALGAR, 11 & 13, Clement's Lane, Lombard Street, E.C. GEORGE STREET & Co., 80, Cornhill. GORDON & GUTHRIE, 10, Old Bailey, E.C. HENDY & Co., 4, Old Bailey, E.C. SAMPSON, LOWE & Co., 180 & 184, Leadenhall Street.

PARIS AND EUROPE.—LEON DE ROSSY, 19, Rue Montmartre, Paris.

NEW YORK.—ANDREW WIND, 183, Nassau Street.

AUSTRALIA, TASMANIA, AND NEW ZEALAND.—GORDON & GUTHRIE, Melbourne and Sydney.

SAN FRANCISCO and American Ports generally.—BRAN & BAKER, San Francisco.

SINGAPORE AND STRAITS.—SAYLE & Co., Singapore. C. HENNING & Co., Malacca.

CHINA.—MACAO, MESSRS A. DE MELLO & Co., Sitoua, CAMBELL & Co., Amoy, WILSON, NICHOLS & Co., Foochow, HENDY & Co., Shanghai, LANE, CRAWFORD & Co., and KELLY & WALSH, Yokohama, LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

## Banks.

CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA, AND CHINA.

CAPITAL, £200,000. RESERVE FUND, £100,000.

THE BANK OF ENGLAND, THE CITY BANK.

THE NATIONAL BANK OF SCOTLAND.

THE BANK'S BRANCH in Hongkong grants Drafts on London and the Chief Commercial places in Europe and the East; buys and receives for collection Bills of Exchange, and conducts all kinds of Banking and Exchange Business.

RATES OF INTEREST ALLOWED ON DEPOSITS.

On CURRENT ACCOUNTS, 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

On FIXED DEPOSITS.

For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.

For 6 months, 4 per cent. per annum.

For 12 months, 5 per cent. per annum.

WILLIAM FORREST, Manager.

Hongkong, May 10, 1880.

NATIONAL BANK OF INDIA, LIMITED.

Registered in London under the Companies Act of 1862, on 23rd March, 1866.

Established in Calcutta 28th September, 1863.

SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL, £200,000. PAID-UP CAPITAL, £45,000. RESERVE FUND, £25,000.

HEAD OFFICE:—30A, THEBAGHAT STREET, LONDON, E.C.

LONDON BANKERS:—NATIONAL PROVINCIAL BANK OF ENGLAND.

NATIONAL BANK OF SCOTLAND.

All descriptions of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

Interest allowed on CURRENT ACCOUNTS at the rate of 3 per cent. per annum on the daily balance; and on FIXED DEPOSITS according to arrangement—the maximum rate being 5 per cent. per annum.

R. HORNE BOYD, Acting Manager.

Hongkong, May 24, 1880.

COMPTON D'ESCOMPT DE PARIS.

(Incorporated 7th & 18th March, 1842.)

RECOGNIZED BY THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION OF 30th April, 1862.

CAPITAL FULLY PAID-UP, £2,000,000. RESERVE FUND, £800,000.

HEAD OFFICE:—14, RUE BERGEE, PARIS.

AGENCIES AND BRANCHES at:

LONDON, BOMBAY, SAN FRANCISCO, MARSEILLE, BOMBAY, HONGKONG, LYONS, CALCUTTA, HANKOW, NANKING, SHANGHAI, FOOCHOW, MELBOURNE.

LONDON BANKERS:—THE BANK OF ENGLAND.

THE UNION BANK OF LONDON.

The Hongkong Agency receives Fixed Deposits on Terms to be ascertained on application; grants Drafts and Credits on all parts of the World, and transacts every description of Banking Exchange Business.

E. G. VOULLEMONTE, Manager, Shanghai.

Hongkong, May 30, 1879.

ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION.

(Incorporated by Royal Charter.)

PAID-UP CAPITAL, £1,500,000.

RATES OF INTEREST ALLOWED ON DEPOSITS.

At 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.

At 6 months, 4 per cent. per annum.

At 12 months, 5 per cent. per annum.

Current Accounts kept on Terms which may be learnt on application.

GEO. O. SCOTT, Acting Manager.

Oriental Bank Corporation, Hongkong, September 4, 1879.

## Banks.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL, £5,000,000. RESERVE FUND, £1,000,000.

COURT OF DIRECTORS.

Chairman—The Hon. W. KESWICK.

Deputy Chairman—A. MOLVER, Esq.

ADOLF ANDER, Esq. H. DE C. FORBES, Esq.

E. R. BELLIOS, Esq. H. HOPKINS, Esq.

H. L. DALRYMPLE, Esq. F. D. SASSOON, Esq.

W. S. YOUNG, Esq.

CHIEF MANAGER.

Hongkong, THOMAS JACKSON, Esq.

MANAGER.

Shanghai, EVER CAMERON, Esq.

LONDON BANKERS:—London and County Bank.

HONGKONG.

INTEREST ALLOWED.

On Current Deposit Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

For Fixed Deposits:—

For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.

For 6 months, 4 per cent. per annum.

For 12 months, 5 per cent. per annum.

LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.

Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

Drafts, granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.

Offices of the Corporation, No. 1, Queen's Road East.

Hongkong, August 16, 1880.

## Entertainment.

### POSTPONEMENT.

MR. A. HAHN begs to give notice that he will, on

MONDAY NEXT,

(the 23rd Inst., give

(WEATHER PERMITTING),

"AN ITALIAN NIGHT,"

(MOONLIGHT ENTERTAINMENT),

at the KOWLOON GARDENS, when Provision will be made for DANCING, SEATING, and RECREATIONS of all kinds, and a MAGNIFICENT DISPLAY of FIREWORKS will be made.

The Gardens will be brilliantly illuminated.

A STRAM-LAUNON will be specially engaged for the convenience of the guests, leaving Padda's Wharf every HALF-HOUR after 8 o'clock P.M.

The walk from the landing Stage to the Gardens will be duly indicated.

Tickets for Admission \$1, to be obtained on application to the Undersigned, at the Hongkong Hotel, or of Messrs KNEES & Co.

LADIES FREE.

REPRESENTATIONS ON ICE.

TABLE FREE.

Ladies unaccompanied by Gentlemen not admitted.

A. HAHN.

Hongkong, August 20, 1880. au24

## Notices of Firms.

OCIDENTAL & ORIENTAL S. S. COMPANY.

NOTICE.

BY Order of the Board of Directors of the Occidental and Oriental Steamship Company, I have this day transferred the Charge of this AGENCY, to Mr. CHAS. H. HASWELL, Jr.

H. M. BLANCHARD, Acting Agent.

Hongkong, August 16, 1880. au23

NOTICE.

MR. EDWARD ELIAS SASSOON and Mr. MEYER ELIAS SASSOON, PARTNERS in our China Firm, have been Admitted from the 1st April last, PARTNERS in our Bombay Firm.

E. D. SASSOON & Co.

Bombay, 8th July, 1880. au25

VICTORIA FOUNDRY.

WE, the Undersigned, having purchased the Lease and Plant of the above Foundry and Engineering Works, intend carrying on BUSINESS OF ENGINEERS, IRON AND BRASS FOUNDERS, &c., from this Date under the Style and Title of "FENWICK, MORRISON & Co."

GEO. FENWICK, ROBT. MORRISON.

Victoria Foundry, Wanchai, Hongkong, June 14, 1880. au24

NOTICE.

THE Undersigned have been appointed Agents to the New York Board of Underwriters.

ARNHOLD, KARBBERG & Co.

RECORD OF AMERICAN AND FOREIGN SHIPPING.

Agents, ARNHOLD, KARBBERG & Co.

Hongkong, Sept. 3, 1879. au20

## For Sale.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. HAVE FOR SALE:—

EX "A G A M E M N O N."

RACQUET BATS.

LAWN TENNIS SHOES.

BILLIARD CUES.

TABLE LAMPS.

BULLDOCH LADE, S. B. H. and L. L. WHISKIES.

STRAWBERRIES in SYRUP.

FRENCH TRUFFLES.

PARMESAN CHEESE.

MUSCATEL RAISINS.

SHIPHANDLERY of all Descriptions.

ROPE—English WIRE, Russian HEMP, MANILA.

CANVAS—T. and D. HENRY, W. and E. BAXTER, WOODBERRY DUCK, YACHTING DUCK, &c.

ENGINEER'S FITTINGS of all Kinds.

RUBBER, HEMP, COTTON, ASBESTOS PACKING.

COOKING STOVES and GALLEY RANGES.

CANVAS and other ROPE, Suction and Delivery.

STOCKHOLM TAIL, PITCH, and ROSIN.

IRON—LOWMOOR and STAFFORDSHIRE BOILER PLATES, ANGLE IRON, and RIVETS.

SHIPPING supplied with WATER. SAIL-MAKING, RIGGING, &c., to Order.

Hongkong, August 17, 1880. au22

KELLY & WALSH

HAVE just received the following NEW & IMPORTANT BOOKS.

New Edition "Wetmore's Telegraph Code," greatly enlarged, \$40.00.

Ferguson's "Chinese Researches," 2.50.

"Great Navigators of 18th Century," 4.50.

Dr. Ekins' "Chinese Buddhism," 4.50.

Dr. Farrar's "Life of Christ," 4.00.

Winchell's "Presidents," 4.00.

Moore's "Chinese Stories," Illustrated, 75.

Urquhart's "Electric Light, its Production and Use," 8.50.

Cairn's "Quantitative Analysis," 8.50.

Walker's "Money, Trade, and Industry," 2.00.

Sporr's "Dictionary of Engineering," new edition, 2.00.

Hillford's "Tales of Old Japan," 2.00.

Baron Richthofen's "China," 2.00.

Dr. Martin's "Essays on the Intellectual Life of the Chinese," 2.00.

New Skeleton CHIT BOOK, 1.25.

Hongkong, August 9, 1880.

## For Sale.

NOW READY.

A complete Reprint, in Pamphlet Form, (61 pages), of the proceedings in the

RECENT LIBEL CASE OF

REGINA V. PITMAN,

containing the whole of the Proceedings at the Police Court, full report of the trial in Criminal Sessions, with connected Correspondence and comments of the Press.

Price per Copy, 50 CENTS.

China Mail Office, Hongkong, June 19, 1880.

## FOR SALE.

MUNTZ PATENT YELLOW METAL SHEATHING,

AND COMPOSITION NAILS, in Lots to Suit Purchasers.

G. R. LAMBERT, Padda's Wharf Buildings.

Hongkong, July 22, 1880.

## FOR SALE.

JULES MUMM & Co.'s CHAMPAGNE,

Quarts, \$15 per doz. Case.

Pilsener, \$17 per doz. "

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co. Hongkong, February 2, 1880.

JAPAN SELTZER WATER MANUFACTURED BY

J. LLEWELLYN & Co. from

J. JAPAN SPRING WATER AT THEIR

STEAM HEATED WATER FACTORY, Shanghai.

Agents in Hongkong:—Messrs LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

Hongkong, July 31, 1880. 20ja21

## WASHING BOOKS.

(In English and Chinese.)

WASHERMAN'S BOOKS, for the use of Ladies and Gentlemen, are now ready at this Office. Price, \$1 each.

CHINA MAIL OFFICE.

## To Let.

TO LET.

DWELLING HOUSE, No. 110, Queen's Road East, Spring Gardens, whole or in part.

Also, Spacious Grand GODOWNS, on the PRATA.

Apply to N. MODY & Co.

Hongkong, August 17, 1880. au24

HONGKONG WHARF & GODOWNS.

GOODS RECEIVED ON STORAGE at Moderate Rates, in FIRST-CLASS GODOWNS, under European supervision; and VESSELS Discharged alongside the Wharf, on favorable Terms, with quick despatch. Also entire GODOWNS to be let.

MEYER & Co.

Hongkong, August 3, 1880. au22

## To Let.

TO LET.

NO. 8, HOLLYWOOD ROAD, containing

Bed Rooms and Out-Houses.

Apply to DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co.

Hongkong, August 16, 1880.

## TO LET.

TWO HOUSES, Nos. 14 and 16, Stanley Street, lately in the occupation of the

TEMPERANCE HALL.

THE DWELLING HOUSES—Nos. 31 and 33, WELLINGTON STREET.

OFFICES in CLUB CHAMBERS, now in the occupation of the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co., with Strong Room attached; also other OFFICES and CHAMBERS in the same Building.

Apply to DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.

Hongkong, August 14, 1880.

## COAL GODOWNS—TO LET.

BURROWS' GODOWNS, Nos. 43, 56A and 59A, PRATA EAST; with Private Wharves.

The GODOWNS, Nos. 111, 111A and 113, WANCHAI ROAD.

Apply to SIEMSEN & Co.

Hongkong, June 15, 1880.

## TO LET.

GROUND FLOOR of House Nos. 3 and 4.

Apply to MEYER & Co.

Hongkong, April 19, 1880.

## TO LET.

ON MARINE LOT No. 65, FIRST-CLASS GRANITE GODOWNS.

Apply to MEYER & Co.

Hongkong, July 25, 1879.

## Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to sell by Public Auction, on

SATURDAY,

the 21st August, 1880, at Noon, at Messrs DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.'s Godown—

25 Bales BOMBAY COTTON YARN, Ex STEAMERS.

Afterwards, at Messrs H. N. COOPER & Co.'s Godown, Pottinger Street—

74 Bales BOMBAY COTTON YARN, Ex STEAMERS.

More or less damaged by sea water. (For account of the concerned.)

TERMS OF SALE:—Cash before delivery in Mexican Dollars weighed at 7.17.

The Lot, with all faults and errors of description, to be at purchaser's risk on the fall of the hammer.

H. N. MODY, Auctioneer.

Hongkong, Aug. 19, 1880. au21

## Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

MESSRS LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. have been instructed to sell by Public Auction, on

MONDAY,

the 23rd day of Aug., 1880, at 11 A.M., at HER MAJESTY'S ORDNANCE STORES, Queen's Road East,—

The following UNSERVICEABLE GOVERNMENT STORES:—

Blankets, Linen Sheets, Rugs, Cordage, Cast and Wrought Iron, Leather, Cotton, Linen and Woollen Articles, Steel, Tin, Old Files, Zinc, Casts, Packing Cases, Cement Barrels, Great Coats, Ankles, Boots, Flannel Vests, Ammunition Pouches, Haversacks, Waterproof Sheets, Sand Shot, Umbrellas, Shot Boxes, Raw Cotton, Waterproof Coats, Wicker Helmets, and Sundry Articles of Clothing, &c., &c.

TERMS OF SALE:—Cash on delivery in Mexican Dollars weighed at 7.17. All faults and errors of description, to be at Purchasers' risk, on the fall of the hammer.

G. E. MARCH, A.C.G.O., Com. Gen. of Ordnance, China.

Ordnance Office, Hongkong, Aug. 17, 1880. au23

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned under instructions from the Official Assignee of the Estate of HO KWONG MING, a Bankrupt, and with the concurrence of the Judgment Creditors' Incumbrances on the Undermentioned LOTS, offers for SALE by Public Auction, at 12 o'clock noon, on

SATURDAY,

the



## For Sale.

## FOR SALE.

Prime "Young America" Cheese.  
EASTERN CHEESE.

WHITAKER'S HAMS, Very Fine.  
BONELESS CODFISH.  
SALMON BELLIES in Kits.  
MACKEREL in Kits.  
Family PIG PORK.  
Prime Mess BEEF.  
LAMB'S TONGUES.  
CRACKED WHEAT.  
CORNMEAL.  
COMB HONEY in Frame.  
PEA NUTS.  
BARCELONA NUTS.  
OX TONGUES.  
BOMINY.  
RYE MEAL.  
PECAN NUTS.  
HICKORY NUTS.  
POTTED MEATS.  
BARTLET PEARS.  
PEACHES.  
&c., &c., &c.

Ex "MENELAUS."  
An Invoice of MILLER'S  
PATENT FIRE PROOF SAFES  
and  
DEED CHESTS.  
To be Sold at Manufacturers' Prices.

T. & D. HENRY'S GOVERNMENT NAVY  
CANVAS, all Numbers.  
FLAX SEAMING TWINE.  
Ex "HOPE."  
WOODBERRY'S COTTON DUCK, Nos.  
1 to 10.  
RAVENS DUCK, and  
DRILLS.  
COTTON TWINE.

Ex "RAPHAEL."  
A Large Assortment of  
CROCKERY and GLASSWARE.  
DINNER SERVICES,  
DESSERT SERVICES,  
TOILET SERVICES,  
BREAKFAST SERVICES,  
&c., &c., &c.

Ex "ANCHISES,"  
and  
LATE ARRIVALS.  
RUTHERFORD'S Extra All Long FLAX  
CANVAS.  
RUTHERFORD'S Royal Navy CANVAS.  
RUTHERFORD'S Best Boiled Do.  
Engine COLZA OIL.  
English COTTON WASTE.  
Tuck's Patent PACKING.  
Flax PACKING.  
HORN'S Best Russian CORDAGE.  
Best English CARBON WIRE ROPE.  
Galvanized IRON CHAIN, 3/16th, 1/4th  
and 3/8th.

HURLOCK'S PAINTS and OILS.  
TURPENTINE, Copal VARNISH.  
French POLISH, SOFT SOAP.  
OAKLEY'S Wellington KNIFE POWDER.  
Plate POWDER, Plate BRUSHES.  
Billiard CHALK, CUE TIPS.  
Metallic TAPE LINES.

CHOW'S Patent PADLOCKS,  
THE LOCKS,  
Cupboard LOCKS,  
Box LOCKS.  
FIRE GRATES.  
Suspension and Bracket Patent Engraving  
KEROSENE LAMPS.  
RODGER'S and SONS' CUTLERY.  
Electro-plated WARE.  
BUNTING and Bunting THREAD.  
BUSSEY'S PATENT PNEUMATIC GUN.

Royal Bristol GINGER ALE, in Flat  
Bottles.  
JAMES'S India PALE ALE, in Pint  
Bottles.  
CLARET—Chateau Thibout.  
Jesse GRAVES, Plate and Quartz.  
Chateau LABROS.  
Breakfast CLARET.

HAUT SAUTERNE.  
SACON'S White Seal SHERRY.  
Do. Amontillado SHERRY.  
Do. Very Fine OLD PORT.  
Draught ALE and PORTER, sold by the  
Gallon.

STATIONERY.  
BOOKS.  
TOBACCOES, and  
CIGARS.  
JOHN  
MOIR & SONS,  
CHESSE & BLACKWELL'S,  
and  
AMERICAN  
OIL MAN STORES.

SHIP CHANDLERY  
of  
Every Description.  
SAIL-MAKING and RIGGING,  
promptly executed.

MacEwen, FRICKEL & Co.  
Hongkong, July 20, 1880.

## Mails.



MITSU BISHI MAIL STEAMSHIP  
COMPANY.  
STEAM TO YOKOHAMA VIA KOBE  
AND INLAND SEA.

THE S. S. NIGATA MARU, Captain  
WALKER, due here on or about the  
10th August, will be despatched as above  
on SATURDAY, the 21st August, at  
Daylight.  
Cargo received on board and parcels at  
the Office up to 6 p.m. of 20th August.  
No Bill of Lading signed under \$2  
Freight.  
All Claims must be settled on board  
before delivery is taken, otherwise they  
will not be recognized.

RATES OF PASSAGE.  
To KOREA—Cabin \$60. Steerage \$16.  
" YOKOHAMA & DO. \$75. Do. 20.  
A Reduction is made on RETURN Cabin  
Passages.  
CARGO AND PASSENGERS for Nagasaki  
will be transhipped to the Shanghai Mail  
Steamer at Kobe.  
For further Particulars, apply at the  
Company's Office, No. 60A, QUEEN'S  
ROAD CENTRAL.  
Hongkong, August 10, 1880. au21



STEAM FOR  
SINGAPORE, PENANG, POINT DE  
GALLE, ADEN, SUEZ, MALTA,  
BRINDISI, ANCONA, VENICE, MED-  
TERANEAN PORTS, SOUTH-  
AMPTON, AND LONDON;  
ALSO,  
BOMBAY, MADRAS, CALCUTTA, AND  
AUSTRALIA.

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM-  
SHIP NAVIGATION COMPANY'S STEAM-  
SHIP "RAVENNA," Captain LEE, will leave this  
on MONDAY, the 23rd August, at 5 p.m.  
For further Particulars, apply to  
A. MOLLER, Superintendent.  
Hongkong, August 11, 1880. au23

Occidental & Oriental Steam-  
Ship Company.  
TAKING THROUGH CARGO AND  
PASSENGERS FOR THE UNITED  
STATES AND EUROPE,  
IN CONNECTION WITH THE  
CENTRAL  
and  
UNION PACIFIC AND CONNECTING  
RAILROAD COMPANIES  
AND  
ATLANTIC STEAMERS.

THE S. S. BELGIC will be despatched  
for San Francisco via Yokohama,  
on TUESDAY, the 24th August, 1880, at  
3 p.m., taking Cargo and Passengers for  
Japan, the United States, Mexico, Central  
and South America, and Europe.  
Connection is made at Yokohama, with  
Steamers from Shanghai.  
Freight will be received on Board until  
4 p.m. of the 23rd August. PARCEL  
PACKAGES will be received at the Office  
until 6 p.m. same day; all Parcel Packages  
should be marked to address in full; value  
of same is required.  
A Reduction is made on RETURN PAS-  
SAGE TICKETS.  
Consular Invoices to accompany Over-  
land, Mexican, Central and South American  
Cargo, should be sent to the Company's  
Office addressed to the Collector of Duties,  
San Francisco.  
For further information as to Freight  
or Passage, apply to the Agency of the  
Company, No. 37, Queen's Road Central.  
OHAS. H. HASWELL, JR.,  
Agent.  
Hongkong, August 16, 1880. au24

NOTICE.  
COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES  
MARITIMES.  
PAQUEBOTS POSTE FRANCAIS.  
STEAM FOR  
SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA,  
POINT DE GALLE,  
ADEN, SUEZ, ISMAILIA, PORT  
SAID, NAPLES, AND  
MARSEILLES;  
ALSO,  
BOMBAY, MAHE, ST. DENIS, AND  
PORT LOUIS.

ON MONDAY, the 30th day of August,  
1880, at Noon, the Company's  
S. S. OXUS, Commandant RAPATY,  
with MAILS, PASSENGERS, FREIGHT,  
and CARGO, will leave this Port for the  
above places.  
Cargo and Spectle will be registered for  
London as well as for Marseilles, and ac-  
cepted in transit through Marseilles for  
the principal places of Europe.  
Shipping Orders will be granted until  
Noon.  
Cargo will be received on board until  
4 p.m. Spectle and Parcels until 3 p.m. on  
the 29th of August, 1880. (Parcels are not  
to be sent on board; they must be left  
at the Agency's Office.)  
Contents and value of Packages are re-  
quired.  
For further particulars, apply at the  
Company's Office.  
G. DE CHAMPEAUX,  
Agent.  
Hongkong, August 17, 1880. au30

NOW READY.  
PRICE, \$100.  
"COMPARATIVE CHINESE FAMILY LAW,"  
By E. H. PARKER.  
Can be obtained from KELLY & WALSH  
at Shanghai and Hongkong, at LANE,  
CRAWFORD & Co., Hongkong, and at the  
China Mail Office.  
Hongkong, December 6, 1879.

## Insurances.

## YANGTZE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION.

CAPITAL (Fully Paid-up).....Tls. 420,000  
PERMANENT RESERVE.....Tls. 230,000  
SPECIAL RESERVE FUND.....Tls. 263,268

TOTAL CAPITAL AND AC-  
CUMULATIONS, 8th  
April, 1880.....Tls. 913,268

Directors.  
F. B. FORBES, Esq., Chairman.  
W. M. BOYD, Esq., W. M. METEYER, Esq.,  
J. H. FINCKHOSS, Esq., F. D. HITCH, Esq.,  
Esq.

HEAD OFFICE—SHANGHAI.  
Messrs RUSSELL & Co., Secretaries.  
LONDON BRANCH:  
Messrs BARRING BROTHERS & Co.,  
Bankers.

RICHARD BLACKWELL, Esq., Agent,  
68 and 69, Cornhill.

POLICIES granted on Marine Risks to all  
parts of the World.  
Subject to a charge of 12 1/2 % for Interest  
on Shareholders' Capital, all the PROFITS  
of the UNDERWRITING BUSINESS are an-  
nually distributed among all Contributors  
of Business in proportion to the Premiums  
paid by them.

RUSSELL & Co.,  
Agents.  
Hongkong, May 11, 1880. 10c80

NORTH BRITISH & MERCANTILE  
INSURANCE COMPANY.  
Incorporated by Royal Charter and  
Special Acts of Parliament.  
ESTABLISHED 1809.  
CAPITAL £2,000,000.

THE Undersigned, AGENTS at Hongkong  
for the above Company, are prepared  
to grant Policies against FIRE, to the  
extent of £10,000 on any Building, or  
on Merchandise in the same, at the  
usual Rates, subject to a discount of 20  
per cent.

GILMAN & Co.,  
Agents.  
Hongkong, July 6, 1875.

QUEEN FIRE INSURANCE  
COMPANY.  
THE Undersigned are prepared to grant  
Policies against FIRE to the extent of  
£45,000 on Buildings, or on Goods stored  
therein, at current local rates, subject to a  
Discount of 20% on the Premium.

NORTON & Co.,  
Agents.  
Hongkong, January 1, 1874.

THE LONDON ASSURANCE  
COMPANY.  
INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER  
of  
His Majesty King George The First,  
A. D. 1720.

THE Undersigned having been appointed  
Agents for the above Corporation are  
prepared to grant Insurances as follows:—  
Marine Department.  
Policies at current rates payable either  
here, in London or at the principal Ports  
of India, China and Australia.  
Fire Department.  
Policies issued for long or short periods at  
current rates. A discount of 20 % allowed.

Life Department.  
Policies issued for sums not exceeding  
£5,000 at reduced rates.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.  
Hongkong, July 25, 1872.

ROYAL INSURANCE COMPANY.  
THE Undersigned, Agents for the above  
Company, are prepared to grant In-  
surances at current rates.

MELCHERS & Co.,  
Agents, Royal Insurance Company.  
Hongkong, October 27, 1874.

LANCASHIRE INSURANCE  
COMPANY.  
(FIRE AND LIFE)  
CAPITAL—TWO MILLIONS STEELING.

THE Undersigned are prepared to grant  
Policies against the Risk of FIRE on  
Buildings or on Goods stored therein, on  
Goods on board Vessels and on Hulls of  
Vessels in Harbour, at the usual Terms  
and Conditions.  
Proposals for Life Insurances will be re-  
ceived, and transmitted to the Directors  
for their decision.  
If required, protection will be granted on  
first class Lives up to £1000 on a Single  
Life.  
For Rates of Premiums, forms of pro-  
posals or any other information, apply to  
ARNHOLD, KARBURG & Co.,  
Agents, Hongkong & Canton.  
Hongkong, January 4, 1867.

MANCHESTER FIRE ASSURANCE  
COMPANY OF  
MANCHESTER AND LONDON.  
ESTABLISHED 1824.  
Capital of the Company £1,000,000 Sterling  
of which is paid up £ 100,000  
Reserve Fund upwards of £ 120,000  
Annual Income £ 250,000

THE Undersigned have been appointed  
Agents for the above Company at  
Hongkong, Canton, Foochow, Shanghai,  
and Hankow, and are prepared to grant  
Insurances at current rates.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.  
Hongkong, October 16, 1868.

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE  
COMPANY, LIMITED.  
HEAD OFFICE—HONGKONG.

AGENTS at all the Treaty Ports of  
China and Japan, and at Singapore,  
Batavia and Penang.

Risks accepted, and Policies of Insurance  
granted at the rates of Premium current at  
the above mentioned Ports.

NO CHARGE FOR POLICY FEE.  
JAN. B. COUGHTRY,  
Secretary.  
Hongkong, November 1, 1871.

## Insurances.

## CHINA TRADERS' INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

HEAD OFFICE, HONGKONG.  
Position of the Company at the close of the  
last financial year, the 30th April, 1880.

CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED.....\$1,000,000.00  
CAPITAL PAID-UP.....\$ 800,000.00  
RESERVE FUND.....\$ 425,000.00  
BALANCE UNDIVIDED.....\$ 70,278.43  
DIVIDEND PAID TO SHARE-  
HOLDERS.....20 % per Annuo.  
DIVIDEND PAID TO ALL CONTRIBUTORS  
OF BUSINESS, 25 % on the amount  
of their Contributions.

THE Company grants Policies on MARINE  
Risks to all parts of the World, pay-  
able at any of its Agencies.  
Contributory Dividends are PAYABLE  
TO ALL CONTRIBUTORS OF BUSI-  
NESS WHETHER THEY ARE SHARE-  
HOLDERS OR NOT.

B. GOLDSMITH,  
Acting Secretary.  
Hongkong, August 13, 1880.

## To-day's Advertisements.

## OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR LONDON VIA SUEZ CANAL.  
The Co.'s Steamship  
"Prism,"  
Capt. S. H. BUTLER,  
will be despatched to-  
morrow, the 21st instant, at Noon.  
For Freight or Passage, apply to  
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,  
Agents.  
Hongkong, August 20, 1880. au21

## FOR SWATOW, AMOY &amp; FOOCHEW.

The Steamship  
"Kwangtung,"  
Capt. YOUNG, will be  
despatched for the above  
Ports to-morrow, the 21st instant, at  
4 p.m., instead of To-day.  
For Freight or Passage, apply to  
DOUGLAS LARRAIK & Co.  
Hongkong, August 20, 1880. au21

## FOR MANILA.

The Spanish Steamer  
"Zamboanga,"  
Capt. ARABOLLO, will be  
despatched for the above  
Port on TUESDAY Next, the 24th  
instant, at 4 p.m.  
For Freight or Passage, apply to  
REMEDIOS & Co.  
Hongkong, August 20, 1880. au24

## FOR PORT DARWIN (DIRECT).

The Steamship  
"Penedo,"  
JOHN CAIRN, Commander,  
will be despatched as  
above on FRIDAY, the 27th instant.  
For Freight or Passage, apply to  
GEO. R. STEVENS & Co.  
Hongkong, August 20, 1880. au27

## PUBLIC AUCTION.

## THE Undersigned will sell by Public

Auction,  
the 21st instant, at 2 p.m., at No. 12,  
Wyndham Street, opposite the HOTEL  
DE L'UNIVERS,  
The whole of the  
HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE,  
comprising:—  
Cretone-covered Drawing-room Suite,  
Mahogany Centre Table and Marble-top  
Occasional and Side Tables, Teapots,  
Gazaliers, Bronze and Porcelain Vases,  
Mirrors, Steel Engravings, Chromes and  
Oleographs, Lace Curtains, Brass Poles,  
Carpets, Rugs, Fender and Fire Irons,  
Cottage Piano, &c., &c.  
Dining Table, Mahogany Sideboard,  
Chairs, Teakwood Whist-table and Ice  
Chest, Electro-plated Ware, Dinner  
and Dessert Sets, Engraved Glass Ware,  
Table Knives, Forks, &c., &c.  
Iron Bedstead, Mattress, Marble-top  
Chest of Drawers, Washstand and Dress-  
ing Table, Toilet and Cheval Glasses,  
Couch and Pictures, Lounges, and Shang-  
hai Bath Tub, &c., &c.  
TERMS OF SALE—As customary.  
ECLA DA SILVA & Co.,  
Auctioneers.  
Hongkong, Aug. 20, 1880. au21

## AMERICAN SHIP "CORA," FROM

ANTWERP.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above-  
named Vessel are requested to send in  
their Bills of Lading for countersignature,  
and to take immediate delivery of their  
Goods.  
Cargo impeding the discharge of the  
Vessel will be landed and stored at Con-  
signees' risk and expense.  
Consignees are also informed that before  
delivery can be obtained, they will be re-  
quired to sign the Average Bond.  
ARNHOLD, KARBURG & Co.,  
Agents.  
Hongkong, August 20, 1880.

## Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor  
Owners will be Responsible for  
any Debt contracted by the Officers or  
Crew of the following Vessels, during  
their stay in Hongkong Harbour:—  
CLIFFORD, British ship, Capt. Beadle—  
Wielor & Co.  
GENERAL FAIRCHILD, American barque,  
Capt. David Kelly.—Melchers & Co.  
ROSE WATZ, American ship, Capt. O. C.  
Well.—Arnhold, Karberg & Co.  
JOHN R. STANHOPE, American barque,  
Capt. H. G. Pillsbury.—Order.  
ANNIE S. HALL, American barkentine,  
Capt. Oba, B. Nelson.—Wielor & Co.  
NIAGARA, German barque, Captain J.  
Kuhlmann.—Arnhold, Karberg & Co.  
JOHN M. OSBORN, American barque, Capt.  
B. W. Conant.—Douglas Larraik & Co.  
SAN JOAQUIN, American ship, Capt. J.  
B. Drinkwater.—Arnhold, Karberg & Co.  
SIBLAS, French barque, Captain O. Huot.  
—Captain.  
KEPPEL, German barque, Capt. Hazen-  
burg.—Siemssen & Co.  
WOODVILLE, British barque, Capt. Lewis  
Rodd.—Arnhold, Karberg & Co.

## SHIPPING.

## ARRIVALS.

Aug. 19, Bellona, German steamer, from  
Canton.  
Aug. 20, Quinta, German steamer, 874,  
H. N. Thomson, Saigon Aug. 15, Rice.—  
Geo. R. STEVENS & Co.

Aug. 20, Ta Lee, German barque, from  
Whampoa.  
Aug. 20, Hsai Yuen, Chinese steamer,  
from Canton.

Aug. 20, Priam, British steamer, 1572,  
Saml. H. Butler, Shanghai Aug. 13, and  
Foonchow 19, Tea.—BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.

Aug. 20, China, German steamer, 648,  
Ackermann, Shanghai Aug. 16, General.—  
SIEMSEN & Co.

Aug. 20, Cora, American ship, 1431, R.  
F. Coombs, Antwerp Feb. 24, via Plymouth  
April 29, General.—ARNHOLD, KARBURG &  
Co.

Aug. 20, Emma, German 3-m. schooner,  
231, P. J. Michaelson, Newchwang July 24,  
Beana.—EDWARD SCHELLHASS & Co.

Aug. 20, Woodville, British barque, 862,  
L. Rodd, Newchwang July 22, Beana.—  
ARNHOLD, KARBURG & Co.

## DEPARTURES.

Aug. 20, Derivation, for Amoy.  
20, Derivation, for Swatow.  
20, Kina, for Shanghai.  
20, Janet, for Foonchow.  
20, Conquest, for Hoihow, &c.  
20, Flinders, for Shanghai.  
20, Flinders, for Valparaiso.  
20, Amoy, for Shanghai.  
20, Diamante, for Manila.  
20, Elcano, for Manila.  
20, China, for Canton.

## CLEARED.

Jas. Shepherd, for London.  
Janata, for Manila.  
Chang Hock Kien, for Singapore.  
Ta Lee, for Tientsin.  
Nigata Maru, for Kobe, &c.  
A. S. Hall, for Obofo.  
Rajanathianahar, for Bangkok.

## PASSENGERS.

Per Priam, from Shanghai and Foonchow,  
Messrs Hoodius and Silverloot.  
Per Quinta, from Saigon, 46 Chinese.  
Per China, from Shanghai, 7 Chinese.  
Per Emma, from Newchwang, 2 children.

## DEPARTS.

Per El Dorado, for Swatow, Mr. E. G.  
Hiller.  
Per Amoy, for Shanghai, Mr. Tanneyer,  
and 4 Chinese.  
Per Diamante, for Manila, Mr. Jas. West.  
Per Conquest, for Hoihow, 20 Chinese;  
for Fakhit, 12 Chinese; for Halphong, 12  
Chinese.  
Per Derivation, for Amoy, 3 Europeans,  
and 250 Chinese.  
Per Magenta, for Valparaiso, 2 Chinese.

## TO DEPART.

Per Chang Hock Kien, for Singapore, 1  
European, and 429 Chinese.  
Per Nigata Maru, for Kobe, &c., 1  
European, and 6 Chinese.  
Per Rajanathianahar, for Bangkok, 170  
Chinese.

## SHIPPING REPORTS.

The German steamer Quinta reports:  
Fine weather throughout.  
The British steamer Priam reports:  
Moderate easterly winds and fine weather  
throughout.

The German steamer China reports:  
Left Shanghai on the 16th August, arrived  
at Hongkong on the 20th inst. at 10 a.m.,  
had fine weather and light N.E. winds all  
the passage.

The German 3-masted schooner Emma re-  
ports: First part passage light variable  
winds, in lat. 33 North, a heavy gale from  
the Eastward, gradually veering through  
North round to North-west and then moder-  
ating, blowing furiously for about twelve  
hours, with torrents of rain at the same  
time. After this a few days fine weather  
and then a heavy gale from the South-west  
lasting for 7 days. These northerly winds  
and fine weather till arrival in port.

The British barque Woodville reports:  
On August 4th encountered heavy weather  
commencing at 8 a.m. and backing by North  
to S.W. when it moderated.

## POST OFFICE NOTICES.

## MAILS will close:—

For STRAITS SETTLEMENTS, AND  
LONDON.  
Per Priam, at 11.30 a.m. To-morrow, the  
21st inst.

For SWATOW, AMOY, & FOOCHEW.  
Per Kwangtung, at 8.30 p.m. To-morrow,  
the 21st inst., instead of as pre-  
viously notified.

For SAIGON.  
Per Fernambuco, at 5 p.m., on Saturday,  
the 21st inst., instead of as previously  
notified.

For NAGASAKI AND YOKOHAMA.  
Per Gunda, at 11.00 a.m., on Tuesday,  
the 24th inst.

For STRAITS SETTLEMENTS AND  
BOMBAY.  
Per China, at 3.30 p.m., on Tuesday,  
the 24th inst.

For PORT DARWIN.  
Per Penedo, at 5 p.m., on Thursday, the  
26th inst.

## MAILS BY THE BRITISH PACKET.

The British Contract Packet Revenue  
will be despatched on MONDAY, the  
23rd August, with Mails to and  
through the United Kingdom and  
Europe via Brindisi; to the Straits  
Settlements, Batavia, Borneo, Ceylon,  
India, Aden, Egypt, Malta, and Gib-  
ralter.

N.B.—This Packet carries no mails for the  
Australian Colonies.

## MAILS BY THE UNITED STATES PACKET.

The United States Mail Packet Belgic, will  
be despatched on TUESDAY, the  
24th inst., with Mails for Japan, San  
Francisco, the United States, Canada,  
Honolulu, Peru, &c., which will be  
closed as follows:—

2.15 P.M. Registry closes.  
2.30 P.M. Post-Office closes, but Letters  
(except for Non-Union Countries) may  
be posted on board the Packet with  
directly aimed at putting down this in-  
tolerable nuisance, we need only quote  
from the words of the Acting Attorney  
(except the Bahamas and Bayly),  
Monte Video, Paraguay, and Uruguay  
should not be sent by this route.  
Hongkong, Aug. 11, 1880. au24

## MAILS BY THE PRINCE PACKET.

The French Contract Packet Oiseau  
will be despatched on MONDAY,  
the 30th August, with Mails to and  
through the United Kingdom and  
Europe, via Naples; to Saigon, Straits  
Settlements, Batavia, Borneo, Ceylon,  
India (via Madras), the Australian  
Colonies, Aden, Egypt, Malta, and  
Gibraltar.

The usual hours will be observed in closing  
the Mails, &c.

## MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW.

## Shipping.

Daylight.—Mitsui Bishi Mail leaves for  
Yokohama, &c.  
Noon.—Priam leaves for London.  
Goods per Anadyr undelivered after  
Noon, subject to rent and landing  
charges.

4 p.m.—Kwangtung leaves for Coast  
Ports.

## AUCTION.

Noon.—Auction of Bombay Cotton Yarn  
at Messrs Douglas Larraik & Co.'s, and  
at Messrs Cooper & Co.'s godowns.

2 p.m.—Auction of Household Furniture,  
&c., at No. 12, Wyndham Street (by  
Messrs Eqs da Silva & Co.)

## General Memoranda.

MONDAY, August 23:—

11 a.m.—Auction of Sundries at H.M.'s  
Ordinance Stores, Queen's Road East.  
5 p.m.—English Mail leaves for Ports of  
Call and Europe.

9 p.m.—Meeting of Zealand Lodge.  
Moonlight Entertainment at Kowloon  
Gardens.

TUESDAY, August 24:—

3.30 p.m.—Meeting of Shareholders of  
the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock  
Co. Limited, at Club Chambers.  
3 p.m.—Occidental & Oriental S. S. Co.  
Steamer leaves for Yokohama and San  
Francisco.

4 p.m.—Zamboanga leaves for Manila.

FRIDAY, August 27:—



the peace was seen to dispose in a very summary fashion of a case of no-pass which came under his notice. He had stumbled upon a Chinaman who was not provided with the necessary pass, and in the course of an altercation, a ten-cent piece was observed to pass from the Chinaman to the Constable, which operation appeared to settle the point in dispute. Fined ten cents, and discharged. The sapient but frail Bobby must have been studying the sentences of the Hon. Mr. Choy, and had acted on the lenient policy so much favoured in high quarters. It would be well, however, were Captain Deane to see that such cases were reserved for the Bench, as the "reasonable excuse" provided for by the Ordinance is not likely to be very carefully considered by the common policeman.

The following, published in the London *Evening Standard* of 2nd July, possesses local interest:—

By the latest mail from Hongkong, we learn that the removal of the honour of knighthood on the Governor has been received with pleasure by all classes of the local community. The brilliant young debater, whose aim form was once familiar in the lobbies of the House, is now—and not undeservedly—Sir John Pope Hennessy; and as a happy and dignified figure was conferred upon him on the third anniversary of the assumption of the administration of the Colony. The customary visits of etiquette were paid to his Excellency, when the routine expressions of flattery were employed; but in connection with one of these visits there was an incident which would have been highly relished by Oliver Goldsmith when he was writing his letters of a Chinaman. Amid the throng of friends and admirers who called to wish the Governor joy was a Chinese deputation. After receiving their congratulations and wishes for further "promotion, emolument, longevity," the Governor, probably anxious to stem the torrent of further good wishes, such as one hundred sons and ten thousand grandsons, asked the deputation if they had heard of the change of Government which had occurred in England. Some of the members had heard that the Earl of Beaconsfield had resigned, but wished to know the reason why he had done so, and inquired what his age was. Turning towards the market-place, in the one side of which there hangs the portrait of Disraeli and on the other that of Gladstone, his Excellency stated the age of the former, which happened to be the exact age of the spokesman of the deputation. When once inquired who was to be Premier of the new Government, his Excellency said he expected it would be Gladstone, as the two men were the greatest statesmen in England, but that he had not received news yet. At that moment a telegram was put in his hands announcing the resignation of Mr. Gladstone, and that Mr. Gladstone had been invited to form the new Cabinet. So the Chinese at once bowed and chin-chinned to the new Premier's portrait, and left contented, whilst, in going out, one of the party explained to the others the mystery which the Governor wisely had left unexplained—namely, the reason why the great Conservative statesman resigned and made room for the Liberal leader, by saying, "It's simply the interchange of the political principle, the yin and the yang." "Ah," said all the rest, and now we understand it perfectly; Conservatives and Liberals, yin and yang!"

It may be news to many residents of Hongkong, that the bestowal of the honour of knighthood on the Governor has been received with pleasure by all classes of the local community. News indeed! The extract from the London paper, however, will probably be recognised as an old friend with whose face we are familiar. The kind and industrious "Press Commissioner" again! Really, how hard he must have worked! how varied have been the fields for his energy! In the *Daily Press* of the 24th April, when the Commissioner had full swing of one contemporary—in the days before the scales had fallen from the eyes of our morning colleagues—there appeared this same article reproduced above, under the heading "The Yin and the Yang in British Politics." It may be some considered a compliment to have one's leaderettes worked up, with minor additions, and re-dished in a leading London newspaper. But under the present circumstances the compliment is not an unmingled gratification; and we do not envy the feelings of the "Commissioner." In the detection of such a line of conduct, *The Standard* also may well be congratulated upon its source of information in this instance!

We learn from the *Jornal do Commercio*, of Portugal, of the 8th June last, that the Governor of the district of Timor, Senhor Hugo Gordian de Lacerda Outeiro-Braun, will be relieved from that post by Senhor Augusto Oscar Cardoso de Carvalho.

Around the 13th was in Shanghai the hottest day this year. The thermometer in the sun registered 126 degrees at noon, while in the shade it touched 97 degrees.

We read in the London letter of the *N. O. Daily News*, the following paragraph regarding a point we wrote on some months ago. Our argument was taken exception to, but this fully supports us:—

Major Sir George Strahan has arrived in England from Barbados, preparatory to his leaving to take up his new post as Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Tamar. This change of office is doubtless promotion in the service, though it does not carry pecuniary benefits with it. Indeed, the transfer means a reduction of £500 of the salary given at Barbados, where he was paid £1,500. But then the charming climate of Barbados and the society there is worth paying £500 a year for in compensation to that enjoyed at Barbados.

The Law of Libel.—The Select Committee on the Law of Libel have decided on their report, and have agreed to recommend that in future no criminal proceedings for libel should be allowed to commence without the fiat of the Attorney-General first being obtained. The Committee have also recommended that fair and accurate reports

of the proceedings of public meetings, published in the daily press, should be privileged; but they have also proposed that the plea of privilege should not be allowed as a defence to any action where the defendant has refused to insert a reasonable letter or statement in explanation or contradiction of the report.

Warning of Ogle's troops the *Strait Times*, we are glad to note, says,—"One peculiar feature of this Company is that the secondary parts are sustained by good singers and not stiffs as we have seen in many troupes." This removes the huge slur on the intelligence and efficiency of the Company, on the whole which it carries with it so conclusively on its last visit, giving rise to no little severe remark in the various critiques.

Dr. Deaking writes in his report on the Peking Hospital as follows:—

In regard to gun accidents, which are not uncommon, it may be here observed that Chinese keep their guns in a filthy, rusty condition. Many of the pistols in use are of Chinese manufacture, although it is attempted to pass them off as foreign. Foreign manufacturers' names are imitated. Not only pistols but powder dasks, like clocks and pocket knives, are largely imitated. We have a clock in the dispensary purchased at Shanghai, as a foreign made clock, with the maker's name and place printed on the back, and which is a cheap and shoddy article. Birmingham should take a warning and provide the Chinese with first class articles. Cheap goods and overvalued cottons defeat their own object in the end.

Messrs. Sawa, Oonada, Hayashi, Tanaka, Komatsu, & Co., the Japanese Commission, appointed by the Japanese Government to examine the criminal prison systems of the principal European countries, arrived at New York from Liverpool on the 11th inst., and were to leave the following evening for Washington. After returning to New York and staying a brief visit to Boston they then would leave for home by way of San Francisco.

#### THE H. K. & W. DOCK CO.

The following is the Report of the board of directors of the Hongkong & Whampoa Dock Company, Limited, to the ordinary half-yearly meeting of shareholders, to be held at the offices of the Company, Club Chambers, on Tuesday, the 24th August, at 3.30 p.m.:—

To the shareholders of the Hongkong & Whampoa Dock Company, Limited (Gentlemen),—The Directors have now the pleasure to submit to you their half-yearly Report with a Statement of Accounts to 30th June last. The purchases of the Slips and Property from Sunda Estate, effected about a year ago, has so far proved unfortunate, owing to the litigation in which it has involved the Company, and the hindrance that certain legal questions have proved to be the realisation of the land. The question at issue, it is hoped, are now approaching a settlement. The negotiations for the disposal of the Estate in Manila did not meet with success, and have been interrupted recently by the earthquake in that city; renewed efforts, however, are now being made for the disposal of the plant.

The amount of work done at the Company's Establishments during the half-year is shown favourably with that in former Reports, and it is only the extremely low rates charged, owing to competition, that prevent the net returns being more satisfactory.

The Gross Earnings for the six months amount to \$298,667.01, and the sum available for appropriation is—\$32,298.41 of which the Directors would recommend the following distribution, viz:—

Dividend for the half-year 2 per cent \$200,000  
Bonus to Contractors 8,000.00  
Directors' fees 250.00  
Auditors' fees 250.00

Leaving a Balance to be carried to new account of \$6,548.41

W. KESWICK, Chairman.

#### Police Intelligence.

(Before J. Francis, Esq., Acting Police Magistrate.)  
Wednesday, August 18.

#### LEGAL BOARDING OF STEAMERS IN THE HARBOUR.

Law Ahn, 25, unemployed, Yung Ahn, 25, shopkeeper, and Chan Aze, 30, a shop owner, were charged with having, on the 17th day of August, not being duly authorised by law for the purpose, unlawfully gone on board a certain ship within the waters of this Colony, to wit the steamship *China* without the permission of the master or officer in charge, contrary to Ord. 8 of 1879, sec. 28, d. (c).  
The Chief Officer proved the offence. The ship was under way a number of boats came alongside; some looked on. Some Chinese out of the boat came up into the steamer. The Chinese who came on board had no permission to do so from the Master or from witness. The Constable in Court, P. O. 73, came on board and asked witness if permission had been given. He said it had not. Then the Constable arrested some men; witness did not see them arrested, and knew nothing about any of the prisoners.  
P. O. 73, James Edwards, W. P., said that witness afterwards the Chinese came in. It was his special duty to board all steamers coming in. He went off in a police boat to the *China*. When he got there she was still under way, and a number of boats were hooked on. He saw the Chinese climbing up the side. When they saw the police boat coming some went on board, and some got back into their boats. Witness pulled up to this boat and arrested the second and third prisoners. He arrested, in another boat on the other side, the first prisoner, whom he saw on board the ship. He was quite sure of this man.

Defendants had nothing to say. They were convicted, and each was fined \$10 or fourteen days' imprisonment with hard labour.  
Shu Ahn was similarly charged with regard to the same vessel.  
The offence was proved by the same witness as the above cases. P. O. Brennan arrested the man and was quite sure he saw the boat-hook of the accused's boat holding on to the steamer.  
Defendant denied the charge; he had no witness.  
The Magistrate convicted the defendant and fined him \$10 in default of ten days' imprisonment with hard labour.

#### (Before the Hon. Mr. Choy.)

Friday, August 20.

Fung Wing, 19, shop coolie, and Leung Shui Fat, 20, boatman, were charged in precisely the same terms as the above four men, in Mr. Francis's two cases.

Inspector Matheson had charge of the case, and he gave the Magistrate to understand that this was a charge brought to decrease, if possible, the nuisance every steamer visiting the port complained of, to put an end to which a special one had been licensed in the new Shipping Ordinance.

The Magistrate, referring to the Ordinance, read the sub-clause (c), sec. xxviii, under the heading "Offences in the Waters of the Colony," which provides a penalty for—

Every person who, not being in Her Majesty's service, shall not being duly authorised by law for the purpose, goes on board any ship within the waters of the Colony, without the permission of the master or officer in charge, and the master or person in charge of such ship may take any such person going on board as aforesaid into custody and deliver him up forthwith to any constable to be dealt with according to law.

The Magistrate said the fine for an offence under this clause was a fine of \$50 or imprisonment not exceeding three months' hard labour. He held the Captains of vessels would not take advantage of this clause of the ordinance to indiscriminately cause persons, who might go on board on perfectly legitimate duty, to be given into custody.

The Inspector assured his Worship that there was no danger of anything of the kind happening. A quartermaster was placed at the top of the gangway. If any one having any reasonable right to go on board went up the gangway, and was allowed to pass the quartermaster after explaining his business, he was on board with the authority of the officer of the ship delegated to give him authority to be on board. This applied to Chinese as well as to Europeans. What the Captains complained of was men like the prisoners scrambling up the ship's sides on all quarters of the ship, and the passengers on deck preparing to disembark, and so very often preventing the vessel getting to her buoy.

The Magistrate said, there was another clause dealing with boats obstructing the fairway; that was away from the case. The Inspector said these men went on board without permission before the vessel had been moored; what he had said quite applied.

The Magistrate did not mean to say that the Captain or any other officer would do anything of the kind, but the law quite allowed him to do so. The terms of the ordinance were extremely wide and sweeping. There was no saving clause, no discretion in it.

The Inspector said there was no danger of any Captain or any Police Inspector perverting the law in such a way.

The following evidence was then called:—  
O. H. Lancaster, third officer, *Prism*; I charge the defendant with coming on board without permission at 7.30 this morning.

The Magistrate: Is not this more properly a Harbour Master's case, Mr. Matheson?

The Inspector: No, your Worship. This is a matter for the Police Magistrate to deal with. If the men charged with any offence belong to the ship, then the Harbour Master takes them. These men do not belong to the ship.

Witness: Before the ship was made fast to the buoy, these two men came on board without permission from anybody, and they describe themselves as boatmen. I found them both on board and they were given into custody.

The Police Constable who apprehended the men said:—The Captain instructed me to take in charge all the men who had come on board as he had given authority to no one to come on board the vessel at all, and he desired this nuisance to be put a stop to.

The first defendant said:—I am a shop coolie employed in the Kwang Lung ship. I had a friend coming to my steamer. I hired the second defendant's boat to take me on board to meet my friend. I had no permission from the Captain, or anybody else to go on board. I did not know it was necessary.

Second defendant said: I went on board to get some passengers.

The Magistrate told the prisoners they had no right to go on board the vessel, and he was fastened to the buoy. If they did they must necessarily hamper the officers in their work. If they wanted to go on board after the vessel was moored they had to get permission from the Captain or one of the officers. They would be fined 25 cents each.

#### CUTTING AND WOUNDING.

John Bulger, a Private in H. M.'s 27th Regiment, was charged with cutting and wounding Sergeant Charles Beales, 27th Regiment, with intent, on the 16th inst.

Persons charged:—The defendant was drunk and knew nothing about it till next day.

Charles Beales, a Sergeant of H. M.'s 27th Regiment, said: About 8.50 o'clock p.m. on the 16th inst. I was lying on my bed in my room. The defendant came in, and stabbed me with his bayonet in the left side without saying a single word. He then ran away, and took the bayonet with him. I shouted and several men came to my assistance, and I was taken to the Military Hospital. I am still under Medical treatment.

Prisoner had no question to ask. No further evidence was forthcoming to-day, as the other witnesses in the case are engaged giving evidence in a Court of Enquiry, now being held by the Military authorities. The case was therefore remanded till 9 o'clock on Monday morning.

#### LARCENY.

Li Ahing, a coolie, pleaded guilty to stealing a jacket and a pair of trousers on the 18th inst. He also admitted two previous convictions, one for keeping a public house for 12 days, and another for \$200 or six months' imprisonment, the other of larceny of clothing, for which he was awarded three months' imprisonment with hard labour.

His Worship now sent him to goal for four months with hard labour.

#### ASSAULT.

An Aft was charged with assaulting one Chin Ahn on the 18th inst.

Chin Ahn said, he was a servant in the employ of Mr. Cohen, in Moque Terrace. The defendant is a cook in the same employ. Yesterday, about 3 p.m., a quarrel ensued between the complainant and defendant over their domestic duties. It led to mutual recrimination, and ultimately, defendant threw a basin at him and struck

him on the left eye causing an abrasion of the skin.  
Defendant said, it was the complainant who took up the basin and attempted to throw it at him, but he was forced off the blow and the basin came in contact with defendant's face.  
Fined \$2, in default, four days' imprisonment.

#### PUERTO-CAMBLING.

Tang Akum, and twenty one others, were charged with public gambling on the 19th inst.

Inspector Thompson said, that about 8 o'clock last night, he went with a party of police to No. 8 Yu-Lok Lane, by way of a warrant he held. On the approach of the police, a number of men made their escape. All the prisoners with exception of the 9th and 10th were arrested in the house. Mats were spread on the floor with cards, tables, a money punch and a quantity of silver and copper money scattered about, amounting to 79 cents. A portion of "Po-tze" apparatus was also found in a corner of the cockpit.

S. 123, Shaw Kim, proved arresting the 10th prisoner on the roof, trying to make his escape. The 9th prisoner was also arrested there by P. C. 124.

Sergeant Hennessey corroborated the evidence given by the Inspector respecting the arrest generally. He found some money and the "Po-tze" implements in a bag carried by the third prisoner.

Fung Achi, a shopman in Stanley, said he went to the house on the evening of the 18th inst., and he there saw between twenty and thirty persons gambling at Po-tze. He joined them and played, and he saw the first and ninth prisoners, as having been present on that occasion. The first was conducting the game, and the ninth acted as banker, he paid the winnings and collected the losses. He first played and lost \$5.50. The first defendant had charge of the Po-tze, and there were ten persons playing. The thirteenth prisoner was standing at the door inviting persons to go in and play.

Ch. Ahn, a coolie, said he went to the house at 8 o'clock on the evening of the 18th inst. About 24 persons were playing at Po-tze, he also played and lost ten cents. The second prisoner was conducting the game.

The defendants' excuses were of the usual varied character; some went to look for friends, others to amuse themselves, one man went there to sell cakes, another took refuge in the house because he saw the police coming, while two others went there to look for a friend.

His Worship inflicted sentences as follows:—The first and ninth prisoners to be fined \$100 each, or three months' imprisonment with hard labour, for keeping a gambling house; the second prisoner fined \$50, or six weeks' imprisonment with hard labour, for acting as a banker; the third prisoner fined \$10, or four days' imprisonment with hard labour, for frequenting a gambling house; the remainder fined \$5 each, or ten days' imprisonment with hard labour, for frequenting a gambling house.

The money found in actual use for gambling was ordered to be forfeited.

His Worship also ordered the sum of \$6 to be given to Fung Achi, and \$8 to be given to Chuan Ahn, out of the fines should they be paid.

#### BREACH OF THE OPIUM ORDINANCE.

Chan Ching Cheung and Ho Aphi, unemployed, were charged with being in the unlawful possession of a quantity of opium on the 20th inst., without a permit from the Opium Farmer.

Li Fuk Shing, an excise officer, said that from information received he went to the wharf at Yan-ma-ti this morning. He saw the two defendants land from a boat, and on his enquiring if they had any opium in their possession, they said "No." They were taken to the station and searched.

On the first defendant were found four tins, and on the second five tins of opium. The tins were folded up in handkerchiefs which were tied round their waists. They had no certificates from the Opium Farmer.

The second defendant said a friend of his Chinese territory gave it to him to bring over here, and he was to receive twenty-five cents for his trouble.

The second defendant said the same.

Fined \$50 each, in default, two months' imprisonment.

#### COMMITTED FOR TRIAL.

Chong An and Fung Ahn, hawkers, were charged with robbery with violence on the 19th inst.

An Aho, a married woman, said she lived in Third Street, Sze-yung-poon. About noon yesterday she was at the exhibition at Shek-long-tai looking at the pictures there. Suddenly a man, Wong Ahing, called out "You are being robbed," and on looking at her jacket, she found that one of her silver buttons had been off and was gone. She picked up the button from the ground.

Wong Ahing, a watchman at the exhibition, said that a little before noon yesterday, he saw the last witness looking at some pictures there. The two defendants were standing close to her. He saw first defendant's jacket with his leg, and the second defendant then seized a button with a knife, and immediately seized hold of them, and the second prisoner threw down both the knife and the button. Complainant picked up the button, and he picked over to a constable.

Loos receiving officer at the Victoria Gaol, said he knew the prisoners, both of them had been in gaol before.

The first prisoner had no less than seven previous convictions recorded against him, two of larceny, two of being a rogue and vagabond, and three returning from lawful custody, his career of crime commencing in February, 1868. The second defendant had two previous convictions recorded to him, one of being a suspected person and being at large without a pass, and one of larceny, his career commencing in May of last year.

Both prisoners having been duly cautioned reserved their defence, and were committed for trial at the next Criminal Sessions of the Supreme Court.

#### TRAFFICKING IN CHILDREN.

Luk Aam, a married woman, Ho Kum Yau, a widow, and A Ahn, a married woman, were charged with kidnapping on the 18th inst.

P. O. 100, Tang Ahnung, said that he was on duty at the Colden Street police station yesterday afternoon. He saw the second and third defendants talking to a man. The second defendant had hold of the boy in Court by the hand. Second defendant asked the third how much she would really sell the boy for, and the reply was \$80.

On the constable asking her why she was taking the boy about the street for sale she denied doing so. The man they were talking to then said that the second defendant had brought the boy to his house for sale some days ago. He wanted to take them to the station, but second defendant said the boy belonged to Luk Aam, and it would be better to see her first. He was

taken to a house where he saw the first defendant, who said she was her son. The constable then arrested them all, and he now applied for a remand for a week as he had doubts as to the parentage of the child.

Case accordingly remanded till Friday next, the 27th inst.

The prisoners to be admitted to bail in \$200 each.

#### BREACH OF THE OPIUM ORDINANCE.

Ho Apan, a boatman, was charged with having in his possession about 200 taels of prepared opium on the 20th inst., without a permit from the Opium Farmer.

Inspector Ferry said that about half-past ten this morning, he went on board the steamship *Rajadanthanhar* in company with two excise officers, and searched for opium. When in the commodore's cabin he heard A. dos Santos, one of the excise officers, call out something, and at the same time that he saw a splash in the water. On coming out of the cabin and looking over the ship's side, he observed a basket floating in the water. The basket was got out of the water, and was found to contain eight tins of prepared opium, each tin of the capacity of 25 taels.

Antonio dos Santos, an excise officer, corroborated the last witness, with the additional evidence that he saw defendant throw the basket overboard, and that he arrested him.

So Achi, another excise officer, said he went on board the steamer with the two witnesses. He saw defendant go to a locker, and take out a basket and cover it with an oilskin coat. He wanted to see what was in the basket, but defendant asked him not to do so, and knocked him down, and threw the basket overboard.

Defendant said a friend of his brought the basket on board and placed it in the hold. When the excise officers came on board he sent a boy for the basket, but the last witness would not let him fetch it, so he went for it himself. Some of the women threw it overboard. He knew it was opium when his friend brought the basket on board.

Fined \$200, in default three months' imprisonment.

The opium to be forfeited and to be given up to the Opium Farmer.

#### Marine Court.

HARBOUR MASTER'S OFFICE.

(Before H. G. Thomson, Esq., R.N.)

Friday, August 20.

#### DETERRETS.

Abdool Cooke, Jamprithum, and Abdool Curran, firemen, both serving on board the P. & O. steamer *Khiva*, were charged with having deserted the said ship in the harbour of Victoria on the 19th inst.

Mr. W. Vinton, shipping officer to the P. & O. S. N. Company, said he received a report from the master of the *Khiva* stating that defendants were absent from the ship without leave and that he had treated them as deserters.

In defence both prisoners said they heard the ship was going at noon, and they missed their passage.

Sentence, one month's imprisonment with hard labour.

#### China.

SHANGHAI.

(N. O. D. News, August 16.)

About half-past two on Saturday morning a young man, assistant to Messrs. Adamson, Blair & Co's. firm, was attacked while asleep in a room containing a great quantity of money, and somewhat severely cut about the face, also receiving one wound in the arm. The ruffian made off so quickly on alarm that in the darkness the latter did not even know whether he was a Chinaman or a foreigner. The injured man was lying in a room containing a great quantity of money in his pocket, and he had a considerable sum of money in it, and of which he had the key, but if robbery were the object of the perpetrator of the assault, it seems singular that he did not use the knife (a large sharp Japanese "katana") on the young man's throat instead of the face. It is alleged that he hid himself in the room before the injured man entered it, as the latter says he locked his door when he went to bed.

The unfortunate youth was put under the care of Dr. McLeod, who had him removed to the General Hospital, where he is now lying. When the alarm was given, a native constable on duty near the spot went and inquired what was wrong, and was told by a jinnisha coolie that a Chinaman had climbed over the wall into the Canton Road and proceeded up the fund. Efforts were made to discover the miscreant, but they were unsuccessful.

(Mercury.)

The new dock built by Messrs. Boyd & Co. will be completed in the early part of next week; its dimensions are sufficiently large to take in the biggest ships and men-of-war that ever visit the port.

We have heard that the officers connected with the Mercantile Marine never started an institution, where, like the marine engineers, they would have a place to themselves, to meet together to talk over subjects connected with seamanship, and so improve one another in their worthy profession. We have heard that an institution has already been started under the name of the Shipmasters' Association, and though we hear very little about it, we believe it is progressing favourably. Yet this does not seem to supply a want that is needed, where marine officers can meet on the same footing, and feel at home in every respect. Such a place is about to be started in Shanghai, and they have wisely chosen the Temperance Hall as the seat of the institution. We feel certain that it will be a success, as we know the energetic Manager of the Temperance Hall will watch over their comforts as a father would over his children. Our informant tells us that many of the officers connected with the mercantile marine of Shanghai intend having a Reading Room supplied with the best British and American papers and periodicals connected with their profession, and they believe that such a place might be supported for a very small amount monthly; and that a room is to be taken at the Temperance Hall for the purpose. To meet the expense of such a place, they propose that an entrance fee of \$5 should be paid and a monthly subscription of \$1. If there should be any surplus it will go towards the formation of a library for the use of the members. We believe a paper has already been sent to the officers that many have availed themselves of becoming members. After a short time a Billiard room will be added, and it will be worked upon much the same principles as the Engineers' Institute. Other information, we are told, can be obtained by applying to the Manager of the Temperance Hall.

#### TEMPERATURE.

(From Courier Correspondent.)

August 14.

Drowning persons are credibly reported to catch at straws. In the present anxiety about the safety of the subject of the "overstrained" relations between China and Russia, it is not surprising that the movements of persons wholly unofficial, should be so much scrutinized, as if they were the movements of a spy.

It is therefore not surprising that the arrival of an individual like Colonel Gordon should excite much interest and speculation. After spending about a week here, at his quarters in the Tai Wang Miao, where he has been the guest of the Governor General, he left last week for Peking, at which a pilot ship was very brief. It is known that he visited the foreign office twice, in company with H. E. the Minister, and that after two days' stay he left for Tientsin, where he arrived on Sunday last, 1st instant. This circumstance, and a few other facts which have leaked out recently, point in the direction of future complications. To assume, however, that war is inevitable, is assuredly unwarrantable. A great contest is in progress at Peking, between the pro and anti foreign parties, but those best informed know far too little of the details of this duel, for such it appears to have become, intelligently to report its progress, far less to forecast its result. There is no help for it; we must wait, and the Chinese are always ready to wait a little; and like them, it is quite likely that we shall have the privilege of doing the same again.

Colonel Gordon has resumed his former quarters at the temple above-mentioned, having cut loose his connection with the Egyptian, Indian and British Governments, it is reasonable to suppose that he intends to stick to China for a while, but the value of this item of information, supposing it correct, is not evident as yet.

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